

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1745.

of a Private Letter from Paris, dated January the 27th, 1745.

Sent you, some time ago, part of a very curious Piece, which has been handed about here in M. S. in relation to the Operations of our Fleet at Sea: I now send you another Piece of that Discourse, and the next Time I have an Opportunity of writing securely, you may depend on remainder. In the mean time, give me Leave to you, that these Observations have acquired a great credit with our Politicians; and some go so far as that they have rais'd their Author to the Rank of Admiral. As to that, however, you may believe me please; but this can admit of no Dispute, the Reflections contain the Sense that the Ministers have put upon their Naval Proceedings. Now to the Piece itself. The great Design of our Squadron's sailing from Toulon, was to hinder the English from doing any thing upon Naples; so the Breft Squadron under the Command of M. de Roquefeville, sail'd that Port with no other Intent, than to hinder the Admiralty from sending any Succours to the Squadron in the Mediterranean. For I cannot but, that the sending the Pretender's Son over into Italy, of which there has been such a Talk, was a great Design of that Armament; but the Court affect'd rather to give the Matter this turn, the English being busy at Home, might the less of ordering to Sea that great Convoy, they were then equipping in their Ports. We laid it down as a Thing certain, that the Design of our Court, at Sea, was to hinder, at all, the English from executing the Design they had of invading the Kingdom of Naples. It was, for this Purpose, not only to risk an Engagement, in order to oblige Admiral Matthews to retire, but, if possible, to hinder the Passage of the Succours, which it was known were design'd for his Squadron. This was then the great end of their Views; and it does not appear, that the Ministry have lost Sight of that Object since; we have even now several small Squadrons cruising in the Straights, to prevent the Succours getting to Fleet; which, in May 1744, were escorted to by Rear-Admiral Hardy. As long as the Squadron under the Command of Roquefeville kept the Sea, the English did not go to send out of their Harbours the Transports for Gibraltar; and it was not till they had Intelligence, that our Squadron was again return'd to Breft, that Rear-Admiral Hardy sail'd with a Convoy, which he escorted to Lisbon only. I take upon me to determine, whether the Squadron of Breft and of Toulon, which we had in the Month of September last, might have prevented the Passage of that Squadron or not; but I think I may lay down for certain, that the Money in our Armaments was not thrown away; since it is not to be denied, that this grand Convoy was return'd by them for the Space of eight or nine Months proceeded from hence, that the English were prevented from undertaking any Thing considerable with their Fleet of Forty-five Sail of Men of War, which had been so long in those Seas, but were oblig'd to retire with them into the Harbour of Toulon; being no longer able to keep the Sea, want of Provisions, Ammunition, and Sea Stores. At all this, Gibraltar was so distressed, that Providence rais'd there to an extravagant Price; Bread was sold for five Livres a Pound; fresh Meat for a Shilling and a Quarter; and an Egg for twelve Deniers; in short, they were there at the last Gasps. It was out of my Power to comprehend by what Accident their Convoy sail'd at last, tho' under the Command of Lord Albemarle; but I hope, speedily, to give a better Account of this Transaction. I repeat it to you, was the principal Service perform'd from our Breft Squadron, fitted out so early in the Year. I see clearly the Design of our Ministry was to keep Admiral Matthews, and his Fleet, in such a Situation, as that they might be able to undertake nothing for want of the Convoys that were absolutely necessary to them; and I am perfectly convinced, that this was the most important Service our Naval Force

could be employ'd in, not only from the Nature of the Object itself, but from the Consequences which have attended it; Consequences much more considerable, than at first Sight may to you appear. The Vessels at Toulon had thereby an Opportunity of going out in small Squadrons, for Purposes, which I confess, are to me unknown; but, as I say, this gave them the Freedom of going out; and it afforded the same to the Four Spanish Frigates that had been left at Toulon, and then return'd to Spain; the Navigation on the Coast of Provence was open'd once more; the Fleet of Admiral Matthews being in want of Provisions and Ammunition, was forc'd to go to Italy in Search of them; and not being able to meet there with Cordage, Sails, or other Naval Stores, the Admiral was oblig'd, much against his Will, to retire with his Squadron into the Harbour of Portmahon.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, January 30. Wind W. S. W. Remain in the Downs the English and Dutch Men of War, and Outwardbound Ships as per list. Came down the Lorretto, Brotherston, for Barbados; the Bridlington, Whitbone, for Oporto; and the Rye, Chambers, for Portsmouth. Arrived the Ansley, Rand, from Lisbon.

Gravefend, January 30. Sail'd by the Anne, Hales, from Maryland.

LONDON.

Last Wednesday William Curtis and James Badham were committed to the New Jail in Southwark by Sir Abraham Shard, Knt. and William Hammond, Esq; for robbing one Mr. White, in the Road between Vauxhall and Wandsworth, of 7 l. 9 s.

Last Week died at Bath, ——— Kirtle, Esq; and on Wednesday he was brought to Town, in order to be interr'd in Whitechapel Church.

Also on Saturday died, at the same Place, Mr. Hookham, an eminent Weaver, formerly one of the Common-Council of Bishopsgate Ward.

The Books of the Princess Amelia are sent to Portsmouth, to pay the said Ship off.

This Week a large Quantity of Naval Stores were shipp'd, for the Use of his Majesty's Ships of War station'd at Virginia, and other Places in America.

Yesterday a Grant pass'd the Great Seal unto the Reverend Mr. Samuel Saltar, to hold the Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of St. Trinity, in the Diocese of Norwich.

As did also a Dispensation to enable Richard Levett, M. A. Chaplain to the Countess Dowager of Uzbridge, to hold the Rectory of Leigh, in the County of Stafford; together with the Rectory of Blithfield, in the same County.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has presented the Rev. Mr. Abraham Shewell, to the Rectory of Coriton, alias Coriton, in the County of Suffolk.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge.	09 40	10 22

Bank Stock, Nothing done. India, 179 1-half. South Sea, 109 1-half. Old Annuity, 109 3-quarters. New ditto, 108 1-half to 1-4th. Three per Cent. Nothing done. Ditto 1743, 88 1-4th to 3-8ths. Ditto 1744, 83 1-4th. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 87. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 19 s. to 17 s. Bank Circulation, 21. 5 s. Salt Talties, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 115 1-half. E. uiscent, 108.

Admiralty-Office, January 28, 1744.

THE Leave of Absence given to the Petty-Officers and Foremastmen late belonging to his Majesty's Ships the Warwick and Romney, being expired, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do strictly direct them to repair immediately on board his Majesty's Ship the Shrewsbury, at Spithead; and their Lordships do hereby declare, that if they go down forthwith, they shall commence Wages on board the Ships they will be appointed to serve in, from the Days the Warwick and Romney were paid off; and be paid all their Wages for the said two Ships at Spithead, before they proceed from thence to Sea; and also, that upon their applying to the Commissioner of the Navy at Portsmouth, they shall be paid Conduct Money; and the Carriage of their Chests and Bedding down shall be likewise paid: But if any of the said Men shall fail to repair, as above directed, they will not only lose the aforesaid Wages, and Allowances, but the Marshal of the Admiralty will be directed to apprehend them, in order to be tried at a Court Martial as Deferters.

Thomas Corbett.

Admiralty-Office, January 31, 1744.

THE Leave of Absence given to the Petty-Officers and Foremastmen, late belonging to his Majesty's Ship the York, being expired, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having ordered them to be turned over to his Majesty's Ship the Canterbury, at Plymouth; their Lordships do strictly direct them to repair immediately on board that Ship; and do hereby declare, that if they go down forthwith, they shall commence Wages on board the Canterbury from the Day she was paid off; and be paid all the Wages for the York, at Plymouth, before the Canterbury proceeds to Sea; and also, that upon their applying to the Commissioner of the Navy, at Plymouth, they shall be paid Conduct Money, and the Carriage of their Chests and Bedding down, shall be likewise paid: But if any of the said Men shall fail to repair, as above directed, they will not only lose the aforesaid Wages, and Allowances, but the Marshal of the Admiralty will be directed to apprehend them, in order to their being tried at a Court Martial as Deferters.

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